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Fair Employment Laws

The new Fair Employment laws of New York state are supposed to create many racial and social calamities, according to its opponents. Political, civic and even religious spokesmen in many areas have fought such a law, which guarantees that minority groups, including Negroes, shall not be discriminated against in jobs, wages or opportunities for promotion because of race, creed or color,—the law's opponents holding that it would be ruinous to those communities that undertake to enforce it. But this law has been in operation for a considerable time in one of America's most heavily populated industrial areas where racial blocks are large and tensions great,—yet none of these dire forecasts have come to pass. On the contrary, remarkable peaceful advances have been made,—Negroes are finding jobs in a wide variety of situations formerly closed to them,—the great department stores in New York City and others throughout the state are hiring an increasing number of Negroes,—thousands of white customers are becoming accustomed to being served by able Negro clerks; public utility and insurance offices, banks, railway companies and many others are hiring trained colored young people for clerks, office workers or for repair and maintenance work. As they take their places with the white workers there have been some protests, but by and large the Negro workers have met these situations with a restraint and dignity that has even surprised the friends of the law.

Many unions have been compelled to modify long-standing rules of discrimination and admit Negro workers. Gov. Dewey has proceeded cautiously with the introduction and application of the law. The five-man Commission that enforces the statute has wide powers at its command through

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CONSIDER THE PARALLEL between the laws of health and the laws of peace: Millions of people make a fetish of vitamins, balanced diet, fresh air and exercise but maintain their "health program" alongside cigarette chain smoking, quantities of strong coffee and tea with each "balanced meal",—and saturate their evenings with fashionable alcoholic beverages. As a result, great numbers of such people drop dead or fall victim to disease in the vigorous middle years in spite of their "health programs." The ritual of vitamins, balanced diet, fresh air and exercise is made ineffective by the constant introduction of drugs and poisons deadly to the human system.

In a similar way we are carrying on our "peace programs",—the United Nations, diplomatic conferences and the other multitudinous missions to make a warless world, along with a heavy diet of military-minded diplomacy, military preparation, military thinking, and heavy doses of hate-breeding one-sided propaganda. Such methods can no more build peace than constant injections of nicotine, caffeine and alcohol can build health. Peace will never become enduring until in some way we can back up and begin over again on a higher level.

X-Ray and Forecast

ONE-SIDED: The American people are getting a one-sided picture of the tense U. S.-Russia relations. And we are getting this in a continuous flood of sensational reporting that completely ignores the many blunders and war-provoking incidents created by our own official action and attitudes. *And the Russians are doing the same kind of reporting behind the iron curtain. Hence the two great peoples, neither of whom want war, are being whipped up to the point of war by the irresponsible, sensation-seeking reporting and broadcasting, plus the fact that there are powerful interests which have been and are systematically promoting war between the U. S. and Russia.*

Newsmen and relief workers coming back from Europe, especially those who have been around Berlin, have a lot to say about these things. For example, Thomas F. Hawkins of the authoritative U. S. News has a four-page report in the issue of Sept. 10 on *"U. S. Blunders in Berlin"* presenting a whole assortment of facts and war-provoking incidents for which Americans are responsible and which have been suppressed in American news channels. The Russians have been over-bearing but there have also been instances of American military arrogance that justifiably enraged the Russians; many cases headlined here as "Americans kidnapped and held by Russians" were simply instances of drunk American soldiers on rampages being arrested when they got over in the Russian sector—or American sharpers in uniform getting caught working the black market on the Russian side. Such have been the substance of many so-called Russian overt acts—blown up in our press—to whip up the American public.

This is not an indictment of the American Army whose general behavior has been above average for an occupational force. The failure has been higher up.

The Russians want us out of Berlin, but that issue must be settled by negotiations, and the negotiations are being destroyed by the hysteria created on both sides through warped reporting and war-breeding propaganda.

Another great danger is in the fact that the American people do not get the truth concerning the background of our present U. S.—Russian relations. The following paragraphs present the high points which every informed layman should keep in mind.

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Prejudice in this country against the London Socialist Government continues to be-cloud much of the significance of British social experiments and advances. Naturally there are many economic maladjustments as the nationalization of basic industries continues with slow-moving success, overlaid with confusion, shortages, bitterness on the part of the ownership class and much management inefficiency inevitable in any system so untried and uncharted. And the constant opposition on the part of the ownership class does not make the task easy. Yet substantial and undeniable progress is being made.

While the American worker watches his wage gains being wiped out by ever-rising living costs, the British worker is successfully holding his new higher standards of living. For instance, the British only pay 30 cents a pound for butter,—8 cents for a two pound loaf of bread, 40 cents a pound for roast beef and less than fifty cents a pound for bacon and ham. In other words, most food costs are about half the prevailing American prices. Milk and eggs are high and scarce in Britain, but abundant records are available to show that the health of the average Britisher is the highest in history. Of course, the upper classes, who were accustomed to the best their wealth could afford in pre-war days while the workers and the poor lived on very inadequate diets, are complaining loudly of the monotony and tasteless fare as does every American who visits England. But the Laborites are determined to hold these gains for the people and gradually to lift the food level for all.

What is more, the London Socialist Government is proceeding with the task of leveling off the top wealth of Britain,—the enormously rich families who have

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stood in such sharp contrast to the pitiful slums filling the very industrial areas from which they drew their wealth. A direct new tax on wealth, invested income, in addition to the regular income tax, which is much higher than in the U. S., is compelling the rich to dig into their capital to pay taxes. In a few years large incomes from investments will have all been absorbed into the general social structure, and those who earn the larger incomes will do so, not through virtue of inheritance, but through the employment of acquired skills and talents.

A new land law has also been passed that freezes all land values at present levels and makes it practically impossible to buy and sell land for speculation. That does not mean that the government has nationalized the land, as has been reported in America, but the government will control the use of the land. Landowners can no longer hold several thousand acres of tillable land as a "hunting preserve" nor graze sheep on soil profitably suitable for food crops. Also, while an owner can retain the profits gained by using and developing the land,—in case of sale, he cannot collect profit for these improvements. Such profit must go to the public treasury. The law is founded on the theory that the land is a public resource and cannot be held, used or exchanged for private gain where such action is detrimental to the public good.

In many respects, the revolution in England is becoming as thorough-going as the revolution has been in Russia,—with a vital and vast historical difference in the way the two revolutions are being achieved. In Russia, it has been by violence and tyranny; in England by democratic process maintained by the will of the people.

Our reporting of these significant facts on the British social trends is in no way an effort to endorse or uphold such viewpoints, but rather it is an effort to counteract the unjust and undemocratic manner in which the American people are being kept in the dark concerning these trends and their inevitable influences on the life of both Europe and America.

Basically Britain is part of Europe. Europe has long been and still is in the throes of revolutionary change,—with many of these changes forged in the fires of hatred and accomplished in violence. But in the midst of all this, the people of England stand heroically maintaining the freedom

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TOUGH GUY: Conceived in violence and born in bloody revolution, the Russian Communist Government, out of its origin and experience, thinks chiefly in terms of brute force, and with the philosophy that the "end justifies the means", no matter how filled with deception, dishonesty and inhumanity "the means" may be. But how should one handle such a tough character,—a product of the slums who thinks and acts like that? What do the scientists of sociology and psychology advise? That on our first approach we should kick him on the shins and jab his side with a knife! No, for those are tactics he knows best how to use himself, tactics which would immediately put our dealings with him on the lowest level. *But the history of human behavior reveals abundant evidence that such characters can be drawn away from the lowest level of action by attitudes and methods of persuasion that they cannot totally resist and that finally temper their own viewpoints and conduct. Our whole penal system, from the child reformatory on up, is based upon this knowledge of human reaction.*

ROOSEVELT TO BLAME? A basic fallacy of the hour is that Roosevelt did try to "play soft" with the Russians and that the current crisis is due to the concessions that he made in dealing with Stalin.

But the tirades against Roosevelt's concessions to Stalin always avoid any mention of the fact that Roosevelt was operating with the pressing knowledge that *Moscow was already bitter and belligerent because a second front had long been delayed—against the advice of American military chiefs—in line with the Churchillian strategy of keeping the Germans and Russians killing each other as long as possible.* It is a widely known fact in military and diplomatic circles that the American high command wanted to invade Western Europe as early as 1942. (See Between The Lines, May 24, 1948, or the book "My Three Years With Eisenhower" by Capt .Harry Butcher). And Nazi documents have now proved that our high command was right,—that the Germans were extremely weak in the West and that our mechanized armies could have torn into the heart of Germany, for the huge Nazi armies were then locked in a death struggle on the Russian front. But Churchill forced his ideas on Roosevelt and on our own reluctant high command, and instead of seizing the opportunity to strike on the western front, we made the attack through the "soft underbelly of Europe" which was totally unsuited for our motorized armies. That costly and futile campaign in Italy now stands out as the most ghastly blunder of the war—although the world of big industry and high finance continues to white-wash the records to protect their guardian saint, Winston Churchill.

Roosevelt knew that the Russians were bitter over what they believed was a determined effort to prolong the war on the eastern front and which had cost them over twenty million lives (we lost 350,000). Therefore, Roosevelt had honest and logical reasons for making a necessary move to restore Stalin's confidence that the West *was* sincere in dealing with Russia and desired their cooperation and good will in building the peace.

Between The Lines has never endeavored to defend the Roosevelt policies. For as historian Charles Beard has shown, in his last book ("President Roosevelt and the Coming of War, 1941: A Study of Appearances and Realities" Yale University Press, $5),—it was to considerable extent the Roosevelt political duplicities, intentional or unintentional, that got us into the war in the first place. But today with extreme reaction in the saddle, *it is a travesty on our national honesty and sense of justice that this background to the war president's action be kept shrouded in darkness while the drums and floodlights beat upon the dying president's feeble efforts to lay the foundations of peace. He failed —but his efforts had already been hopelessly undermined by the failures of others who are still riding high.* The concessions to Stalin were chiefly related to the Russian occupation of those states behind the Curzon line—Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Roumania. These areas had been used by the Nazis as the spring board of invasion against Russia. Many of these states had cooperated with the Nazis in the widespread rape and plunder of Russia. Even Churchill openly agreed that Russia was entitled to the right of forever closing the door of invasion.

Stalin did agree that governments would be established in these states by democratic elections,—which agreement has been completely violated.

But the Russian *armies* have *not* pushed on from that area established by negotiation. It has been America and Britain who have gone on from positions of negotiation to military flanking movements.

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and dignity of man though they too are compelled to march down the path of inevitable change which has been so strewn with oppression and brutality. In the larger sense, the glory of England has never shown brighter. And the credit must not go to the Laborites any more than to the Tories and to the classes of wealth and privilege. For just as the leaders of the Socialist Government have carried on their drastic reforms without recourse to the methods and weapons of tyranny, so have the Tories and the "lords and ladies of wealth" shown Christian restraint and the highest qualities of human character in their yielding, stubbornly and grudgingly indeed, but without resort to physical resistance that would be out of keeping with the highest spirit of democracy. We do not believe there have been greater moments in history than the scenes in Parliament when the lion-hearted Churchill and his aristocratic colleagues have faced Prime Minister Attlee, Bevin and the other Laborites in ringing debate,—the battle sweeping back and forth with a magnificence of spirit and spiritual valor as the world has seldom seen. But a battle of words, ideas, and dissolved in democratic decisions.

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the courts to force employers to cooperate, with penalties of a year imprisonment and fines as high as $500 for refusal or neglect to obey the Commission's orders. In actual practice the law has been used to win cooperation by persuasion rather than by legal enforcement. Where employers have objected to employing Negroes on grounds of previous experience, the Commission has put it up to Negro leaders to develop and provide able colored employees. Great effort and patience have been used to avoid creating friction between Negroes and whites.

Contrary to reports elsewhere, Negroes and Jews are not given preference, nor are employers compelled to hire a certain proportion of minority groups. The requirement of the law simply is that it is a constitutional civil right that any qualified applicant receive equal treatment in employment regardless of race, color or creed.

A notable result of the law is the tremendous increase in the numbers of Negro youth seeking training for responsible positions, and the visible and widespread sincerity, industry and responsibility with which such youth approach their vocational problems—to a

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degree far beyond what has been commonly considered characteristic of many of their race. This demonstration of the fact that opportunity creates responsibility will soon be bringing a new and significant pressure on racial attitudes and practices over the entire country.

We may expect to see such laws adopted in other northern states during the coming months and years. The Negroes of the North are predominantly an urban people and thus benefit by the social changes created by the Fair Employment law far more than the millions of more or less illiterate rural Negroes of the South. But the effects of such a law operating successfully in one or more of our leading states will be inevitable and thorough-going,—in spite of all the hullabaloo now being heard in the South among the politicians over civil rights. (This is being written after a week in Birmingham, Alabama, interviewing industrial, religious and educational leaders).

But it should be added that the financial adaptation of such democratic inevitabilities as Fair Employment practices in the South depends not only upon white attitudes but also on the amount of time required for the southern Negro to elevate himself to such a place of responsibility and character as will make the law generally applicable and reasonable. The urban Negro of the North is, generally speaking, more able, aggressive and responsible (something southern whites seldom realize) than the Negroes of the South. But the great and rapidly improving educational facilities being provided for Negroes in the South (something Northerners do not realize) means that the time will come rapidly when the southern Negro can lay claim to his full democratic rights with a power and dignity that cannot be denied, —unless our democracy is to go down in shambles of demagoguery, tyranny and blood.

CHRISTIAN THINKING shines brightly in the South today. In spite of the fact that the banners of "white supremacy" still wave over the political structure of Georgia, with Ku Klux Klanism a silent and secret ally, the leading Baptist periodical of Georgia, "The Christian Index", recently spoke emphatically against the KKK,—denouncing the organization as un-Christian and barbaric. The Baptist editor states, "The Ku Klux Klan have banded themselves together, without the decency to show their

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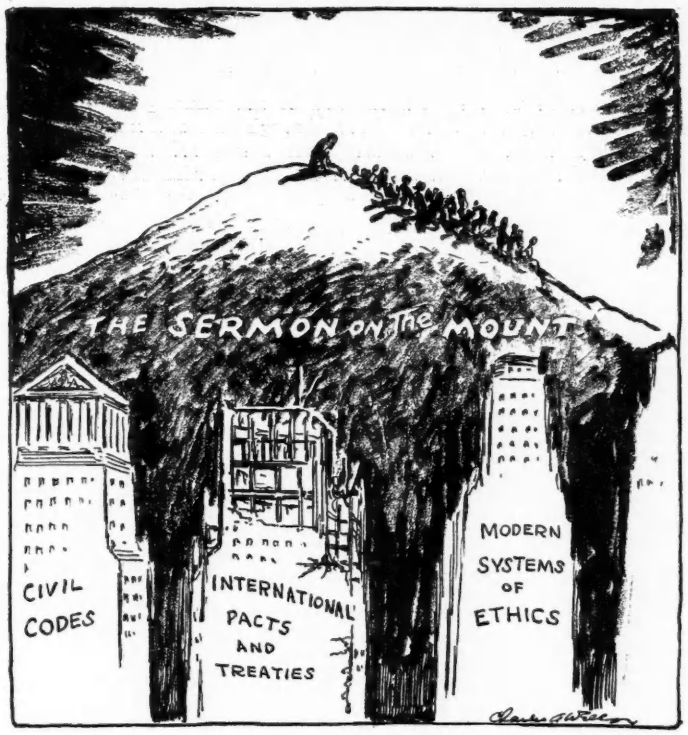

The tremendous significance of Christ's teachings can be brought to us again with fresh power simply by reading once more the Sermon on the Mount. Here is overwhelming proof of His divinity—for never before nor since have men so spoken. The words leap above all the structures of human thought and wisdom. Man's efforts to build codes of ethics and rules and regulations of conduct stand inadequate and frail before the shining glory of the picture Christ gave of man's true relationship to God and fellow man. And the startling thing is that it is all so simple in contrast to the difficult, complex,—yet inadequate—laws of man. Christ's teaching is simply the principle of love,—love undivided, irreducible,—love for God, love for one's fellow creatures—love for one's enemy! That is all there is to it—but it's terrific! In fact, it is so tremendous that only a few have dared to try it—and when they have,—they have turned the world around them upside down.

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THE NEXT PHASE that bears heavily in the development of today's peace tragedy grew out of the long announced demand of Russia for the right to the warm water seas, especially the Mediterranean. For over 150 years Britain, France, the Dutch Empire, etc., had conspired and fought wars to shut Russia away from the world trade lanes. Russia considered that their defeat of the bulk of the Nazi armed power entitled them to a fulfillment of this hope, *but that question never got to the peace table where some reasonable settlement might have been achieved. The British, while yet under Churchill, suddenly and without negotiation poured their armed might into Greece to prevent Russian moves toward the Mediterranean, and we not only gave Britain our open endorsement and support but soon took over the job ourselves! And almost simultaneously, and also without international negotiation, we and the British through our powerful oil interests grabbed a monopolistic control of the rich oil areas of the Near East lying close to the Russian border. Then we --again without negotiation and disregarding the authority of the UN— began to pour military supplies and personnel into Turkey, Greece and other Near East points, establishing a whole chain of air bases within close bombing range of major Russian cities.*

WEAKENED UN: Many European diplomats have charged that we tore the foundations from under the UN by thus showing our disregard for it when our own interests were involved. To say that, had we not made these high handed moves, the Russians would have "beat us to it" is on the same moral and intellectual plane as to tell a court that you hit some one first because you thought he might strike you.

When all this had been accomplished by our own diplomacy, the military minds who have been chiefly responsible for our own post-war

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faces, in a common hatred of the Negro and the Jew. They have sworn to violate law to reach their objective if law and order block the way." And the editorial comments further that the Klan has been revived on the "pretense that the South needed its help to prevent a mongrel race. There is no such threat, no such fear, and no such need for this hate group . . . How long must the name of Georgia be dragged into the mud by the demagogues who direct the Klan for selfish gain?"

SEGREGATION: There's less Jim Crowism between the castes in India than in this country, reports a distinguished Indian visitor, Miss Parimal Das, Girl Scout leader, after traveling in America. Miss Das reminds us that, in spite of the severe caste system, untouchables and low castes mingle freely on the railroad trains of India, while she with her light brown skin would no doubt have trouble traveling first class or getting a decent place to eat or sleep in most of the southern states,—although her family lineage might be traced to some of the oldest aristocracies in human history.

The New A-Bombs

The Hiroshima model A-bomb flattened an area about a mile and a half in radius. While the Japanese cities are far different from the steel and cement structures of America which would condition the nature of the blast, there are other elements that indicate the destruction would still be incalculable and the casualties great. More walls would be left standing in an A-bombed American city, but these structures would also hold the radio-active substances longer, for the movement of air would not be as free as in a completely flattened wooden city. Other imponderables weigh on the side of death.

The most important development, perhaps, in the atom bomb field is the deuterium (heavy hydrogen) bomb which is at present well along towards its maturity. These bombs can be made much larger than the uranium or plutonium units. Although the deuterium bomb is made from a new atomic nucleus (hydrogen or helium weight 3) released by the action of the uranium or plutonium elements, it can still be made into apparently unlimited dimensions. The present A-bomb formula below a certain size cannot be touched off, and above a certain size it cannot be contained. Not so with the deuterium formula; as far as now known it can be made any size that is feasible for the transportation of the missile.

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BLACK MARKET: An overworked argument against price controls or rationing of scarce materials is that this would bring back the black market. But large business interests are preventing the general public from realizing that we NOW HAVE a thriving black market in many fields—without benefit of OPA.

Republican Congressman Macy of N. Y. is head of a House subcommittee investigating questionable trade practices which has just brought out information as to black market operations flourishing without OPA. This investigation has also revealed that leaving everything to free enterprise and competition has NOT brought prices down, . . . that steel and steel products for instance and many other commodities are being subjected to the depredations of the black market racketeers—often in obvious collusion with "respectable" business concerns.

PROCESSING STEEL by a new method will greatly reduce the cost of steel production, according to an announcement in industrial circles. The method was developed in the Babcock and Wilcox Tube Co.'s plant in cooperation with the Republic Steel Corporation. The new process eliminates several expensive steps in steel production, and those who developed it report that it should promote the decentralization of the industry, giving smaller companies the same advantages in making steel as the larger and enabling the large steel makers to cut down their costs. America's whole industrial life is now severely crippled by shortages of steel. The question is,—will this process be allowed to influence the steel industry for more abundant production at cheaper prices or will it be shelved to maintain profits on present plant installations?

THE BRITISH have been selling Russia jet engines! For some time the story of these transactions has been known among newsmen, although little has been reported. Some weeks ago, however, the British Embassy admitted to Washington correspondents that Britain had sold over fifty such engines but denied that any of them were of the latest secret models. However, engineers have observed that new secret jets are chiefly developed from the older experiments.

THE DEVELOPMENT of clinical medical practice in the U. S. has been one of the most progressive and scientific influences in the field of public health. Clinical medicine stands in opposition to the haphazard and unscientific independent specialist practice where (*continued third col., THIS page*)

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policy sat back and congratulated themselves on having "out-flanked the Soviet". But the Soviet is also ruled by military-minded men, and they did not and do not intend to remain out-flanked long.

Consequently the American and British flanking movement was soon countered by the Russian thrust through central Europe,—through Czechoslovakia first and then the pressure extended and focussed on Berlin. If the Communists can force us out of Berlin, they will get us out of Germany, and if they ever control Germany they can easily dominate Europe and we will be hopelessly outflanked ourselves in the Mediterranean. They know that and so do our leaders, consequently the dramatic tensions over Berlin. It is not the Russians who are sending military men and munitions all over the earth to encircle us,—we are the ones doing that. BUT they ARE counting upon encircling our capitalistic-militaristic system with ideas of revolutionary change, and wherever there is poverty, exploitation and greed those communistic revolutionary ideas are going to get in. The pattern extends to China, Dutch Indonesia, French Indo-China where we are likewise furnishing guns while the Communists supply the ideas.

THE CORE OF THE MATTER: We knew Russia would be ruthless and tough, but before peace negotiations had hardly begun we lost the moral leadership in the eyes of the world by our own economic grabs and military thrusts. *The average American would be greatly shocked to learn what most Europeans think of us* in this respect,—an experience one constantly encounters in European capitals.

The great financial interests of the West are frantic to keep Russia out of the world trade lanes, the rich oil, rubber, tin and trade areas. These same financial interests have a long arm stretching into the military and political forces of the western world. They also breathe through the news channels, and the question now is—not what is news—but what will help build a war psychology against Russia. Linked with this is the fact that the Vatican has been at war with Russia for seven hundred years—since the Orthodox Eastern Church split with Rome. Vatican and hierarchy pronouncements on world affairs are becoming increasingly filled with war-provoking statements about Russia .

All this is made vocal in millions of American homes by the hot breathed radio commentators, many of whom have no authentic background for their work, but who are becoming millionaires by fitting into this pattern while they capitalize on the excitement they can create to sell hair oil, deodorants, laxatives and soap! What is still more unfortunate—there are many sincere newsmen and radio voices who have been drawn into this pattern and who, as honest craftsmen, are serving the war-makers—without being aware of the prostitution of their talents.

The time is coming when we will have played out our costly world-wide moves and counter-moves against Russia's compact, single-minded strategy. We will then have so drained ourselves in our obsession for security through armed power, with the disastrous expenditure it entails, that we will not have the strength, physical or spiritual, to face the real battle impending when our present boom has ended—the battle of ideas.

The real struggle is spiritual,—and materialistic America is not preparing for what could be its most glorious hour.

YOU CAN HAVE A PART in the world-wide battle of ideas. Truth is the weapon of the Christian. Truth—without the twisting of hate-filled propaganda; truth—without the warping to favor selfish economic interests; truth—without suppression . . . this is the weapon we must use against the forces that would destroy Christian society.

But how few people have access to truth about the current scene. They are stumbling blindly along in the murk and fog of half-truths and propaganda that have become the curse of modern civilization. We make no claim to perfection, but Between The Lines is doing its earnest and sincere best to counteract the war-breeding half-truths and suppression of vital information that is prevalent today—we do this by giving the other side of the picture—by breaking the grip of suppression. You too can do something definite, vital about it—with Between The Lines! Pass your copy on to others, explain what it stands for—secure their interest and cooperation. Only one dollar widens the light of truth in another family circle for a whole year!

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a family physician recommends the patient to a specialist who often in turn sends the patient to another specialist involving extra tests and fees that delay and impede the patient's recovery, to say nothing of further undermining his health by the sudden heaping up of financial worries upon him. To this system has also become fastened the widespread fee-splitting custom which is no more ethical than the kick-back in union racketeering. The clinical method is the gathering together of competent specialists in one medical center where the patient gets the benefit of joint consultation of specialists with a single set of specimen tests rather than the extended and costly multiple tests that are often required when a patient must travel about seeking the aid of a variety of specialists.

The famous Mayo clinic which has done so much to revolutionize medical practice in America is a prime example of the clinic center. There are several others now established throughout the country. And in Topeka, Kansas, America has had its first great psychiatric clinic established by the noted neurologists, Dr. Karl and Dr. William Menninger, sons of a pioneer Kansas doctor. The psychiatric center is known as the Menninger Clinic. Here a large staff of competent specialists take care of all variety of nervous and emotional disturbances and over 100 physicians are in training in connection with the clinic's work and in associated hospials.

FREE INDIA'S new government is starting its first great TVA program,—a huge dam project across the Mahanadi River, a project that will irrigate more than a million acres a year and will provide a vast new storehouse of electrical power. This is to be one of a series of such projects that will have a large influence on the life of the Indian people.

LEADING SCHOLARS and educators have organized the Commission for Academic Freedom to Safeguard Democratic Rights. This Commission will endeavor to check the growing tendency to suppress and penalize educators who try to teach students the meaning of revolutionary movements. Many educators have been smeared and some have lost their jobs because they taught students the history and meaning of the Socialist and Communist movements,—just as medical professors teach the nature of disease. Politicians and political hacks, not comprehending the true meaning of democracy, are now trying to stifle the same courageous pursuit of truth that gave this country its birth.